In Numbers is a survey of serial publications, dating from 1955 to the present day, that have been produced by artists from around the world.

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